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## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

## LISTING OF CLAIMS:

- 1. (canceled).
- (currently amended): A <u>An isolated and purified</u> 5-aminolevulinic acid phosphate salt represented by the following formula (I):

$$HOCOCH_2CH_2COCH_2NH_2 \cdot HOP(O)(OR^1)_n(OH)_{2-n}$$
 (I)

wherein  $R^1$  represents a hydrogen atom, an alkyl having from 1 to 18 carbon atoms, an alkenyl having from 2 to 18 carbon atoms, an aralkyl having from 7 to 26 carbon atoms or phenyl; and n is an integer of from 0 to 2; and wherein when n is 2, the plural number of  $R^1$  are the same or different.

- 3. (currently amended): The <u>isolated and purified</u> 5-aminolevulinic acid salt according to claim 2, wherein  $\mathbb{R}^1$  is a hydrogen atom, methyl, ethyl, *n*-butyl, hexadecyl, 2-ethylhexyl, oleyl, benzyl or phenyl.
- (currently amended): The <u>isolated and purified</u> 5-aminolevulinic acid salt according to claim 2, which is in the form of an aqueous solution.
- (currently amended): The <u>isolated and purified</u> 5-aminolevulinic acid salt according to claim 2, which is in the form of a solid.

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6. - 11. (canceled).

12. (currently amended): A process for producing the isolated and purified

5-aminolevulinic acid phosphate salt according to claim 2, which comprises eluting

5-aminolevulinic acid adsorbed on a cation exchange resin, and mixing the cluate with a

phosphoric acid represented by the following formula (III):

$$HOP(O)(OR^1)_n(OH)_{2-n}$$
 (III)

wherein R1 and n are as defined above.

13. (original): The process according to claim 12, wherein the 5-aminolevulinic acid is

eluted with aqueous ammonia.

14. -17. (canceled).

18. (currently amended): A composition for photodynamic treatment or photodynamic

diagnosis, which comprises the isolated and purified 5-aminolevulinic acid phosphate salt

according to claim 2.

19. (currently amended): A plant activator composition which comprises the <u>isolated</u>

and purified 5-aminolevulinic acid phosphate salt according to claim 2.

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20. (currently amended): A method for photodynamic treatment or photodynamic diagnosis, which comprises administering the <u>isolated and purified 5</u>-aminolevulinic acid phosphate salt according to claim 2 to a subject.

21. (currently amended): A method for activating a plant, which comprises applying the <u>isolated and purified 5</u>-aminolevulinic acid phosphate salt according to claim 2 to a plant.